

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 1, 4, 5, 14, 16-20 and 23-25 remain in this application.

Claims 2, 3, 6-13, 15, 21 and 22 have been cancelled.

The examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Zimmer, et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0103272).

The examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lee* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0086464) in view of *Bernhard, et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0233534).

The examiner has rejected claims 5, 9 and 10 under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of *Lee* and *Bernhard, et al.* and further in view of *Zimmer, et al.*

The examiner has allowed claims 14, 16-20 and 23-25.

The examiner has objected to claim 7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the previous amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of the above noted rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

**Allowed and Allowable Claims:**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing **claims 14, 16-20 and 23-25**.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that **claim 7** would be allowable if rewritten. (**Claim 7** depended from claim 6, which depended from claim 1.) Instead of rewriting claim 7, however, **Claim 1** has been amended above to include the limitations of claims 6 and 7. Claims 6 and 7 have, thus, been cancelled. (Claims 2 and 3 have also been cancelled.) Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that amended independent **claim 1** (and its dependent **claims 4 and 5**) is allowable for the same reasons that previous claim 7 was allowable.

Appl. No. 10/753,276  
Amdt. Dated October 15, 2007  
Reply to Office action of June 21, 2007

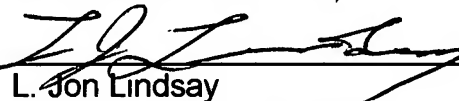
**Conclusion:**

For the reasons specifically discussed above, and others, it is believed that pending **claims 1, 4, 5, 14, 16-20 and 23-25** define patentable subject matter. Reconsideration of the previous rejections and objections as they might apply to the pending claims is therefore respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

October 15, 2007  
Date

L. Jon Lindsay  
342 Litchfield Lane  
Houston, TX 77024  
Telephone: 713-984-2398  
Facsimile: 928-563-4114

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Jon Lindsay", is written over a horizontal line.

L. Jon Lindsay  
Registration No. 36,855  
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT